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1. During the first half of March 1953, there was frequent air activity at great altitudes at Werneuchen airfield. No air activity was observed on 16 March, while only little flying was conducted from 17 through 21 March. Heavy flying at day and night was observed from 23 through 28 March.¹ In early March, IL-28s being loaded by means of hoisting gear. Under each plane, two crates were seen.²

2. tank truck at the field. A van-like truck with two windows on each side and a rear door fitted with a window was also seen. The latter truck was apparently loaded with oxygen bottles.

4. From 12:40 to 1 p.m. on 19 March, about 20 IL-28s landed at the field.

 No air activity was observed between 1 and 5 p.m.¹
 Truck and tank truck were seen in Werneuchen.

5. At 9:30 a.m. on 24 March, no air activity at the field. At 11 a.m., jet bombers continuously took off. About 2:30 p.m., source observed about 20 jet bombers at the installation. An emplacement of AA guns of an estimated caliber of 76 mm was seen near Werneuchen a short distance from the intersection of the highway and the railroad line. Training was held at the emplacement in the afternoon. It appeared that aiming at taking-off planes was practiced. Each gun crew consisted of about eight men.⁴ At 9:30 a.m., 16 railroad tank cars were seen on the spur track of the field. About 2:30 p.m., 14 of these cars were attached to a locomotive ready for departure.

1. Comment. Werneuchen airfield is occupied by two bomber regiments equipped with a total of about 36 IL-28s. The 20 IL-28s observed on 19 March were probably those who had practiced on the same day with

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25X1 Aircraft of the fighter regiment in Neuruppin. [REDACTED]

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The planes were being loaded with bombs of an unknown caliber.

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